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BEGIN TEXT:

THIS IS A POOLED DISPATCH FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES,
THE WASHINGTON POST AND THE LOS ANGELES TIMES FROM
HENRY GINIGER, JOHN SAAR AND WILLIAM J. COUGHLIN.

NICOSIA, AUG 14--TURKISH LAND FORCES, SUPPORTED
BY HEAVY AIR ATTACKS, APPEARED TODAY TO BE ADVANCING
AGAINST STUBBORN BUT OUTNUMBERED GREEK CYPRIOTS AFTER
LAUNCHING AN OFFENSIVE EARLY THIS MORNING TO EXPAND
TURKISH CONTROL OVER THE NORTHERN PART OF CYPRUS.

A FEW HOURS AFTER PEACE TALKS IN GENEVA COLLAPSED,
TURKISH AVIATION DROPPED THE FIRST BOMBS AT FIVE A.M.
ON MILITARY AND INDUSTRIAL TARGETS IN AND AROUND
NICOSIA. TURKISH GROUND FORCES, SEPARATED FROM THE
GREEK CYPRIOTS BY THE SO-CALLED "GREEN" CEASEFIRE LINE,
DROVE ACROSS IT. AN ARTILLERY DUEL ENSUED WITH BOTH
SIDES USING MORTARS AND FIRING INTO DENSELY POPULATED
AREAS OF THE CITY.

TO THE EAST OF THE CAPITAL, A COLUMN OF SOME THIRTY
TURKISH TANKS BEGAN MOVING EAST, PRESUMABLY TOWARD
FAMAGUSTA ON THE EASTERN COAST. OTHER TURKISH FORCES
BEGAN MOVING SOUTH TO THE EAST AND WEST OF NICOSIA IN
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WHAT APPEARED TO BE A PINCERS MOVEMENT AND THE GREEKS

BEGAN TO RETREAT TOGETHER WITH THOUSANDS OF CIVILIANS. NEAR THE AIRPORT TO THE SOUTHWEST, THE GREEKS TRIED TO MAKE A STAND AND IN THE EXCHANGE OF FIRE, TEN FINNISH MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING FORCE WERE WOUNDED. THE MAIN U.N. HEADQUARTERS IS CLOSE TO THE AIRFIELD AND A FINNISH CAMP AT SITUATION AT KIKKO.

SIX MORE FINNS WERE WOUNDED AT MIA MILEA WHEN THEY APPARENTLY WERE CAUGHT IN FIRE BETWEEN RESISTING GREEKS AND THE TURKS WHO WERE BREAKING OUT TOWARD THE EAST. FOUR MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH U. N. CONTINGENT WERE WOUNDED AT SKYLLORE AT THE WEST FLANK OF THE ORIGINAL TURKISH ENCLAVE.

ASKED WHETHER THE UNITED NATIONS FORCE HAD RETURNED FIRE ANYWHERE, RUDOLF STADJUHAR, THE SPOKESMAN, SAID "NO NOT YET."

THERE WAS AN AIR RAID IN THE VICINITY OF FAMAGUSTA HARBOR WEDNESDAY MORNING BUT AS OF MIDAFTERNOON NO TURKISH TANKS HAD YET BEEN SIGHTED THERE. STARTING LAST NIGHT, THOUSANDS OF GREEK CYPRIOT CIVILIANS BEGAN TO FLEE THE CITY IN ANTICIPATION OF THE TURKISH ATTACK.

THE TURKISH MOVES APPEARED TO BE AIMED AT WINNING BY FORCE WHAT THE GREEKS HAD RESISTED AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE TABLE. THE TURKISH MOVES TODAY IF SUCCESSFUL WOULD PUT MORE TERRITORY UNDER EFFECTIVE TURKISH CONTROL THAN EVEN THEIR ORIGINAL PLAN CALLED FOR.

IN THE HILTON HOTEL, WHICH HAD BECOME INTERNATIONAL PRESS HEADQUARTERS, NEWSMEN WERE AWAKENED JUST AFTER DAWN AS THE FIRST TURKISH BOMBS HIT. THE FIRST ATTACK WAS ON THE GREEK CYPRIOT RADIO STATION WHICH, HOWEVER, REMAINED ON THE AIR. THE DULL THUDS OF THE BOMBS WERE FOLLOWED BY THE CRACKLING OF GREEK ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE AND LATER IN THE MORNING THE GREEK CYPRIOTS CLAIMED FOUR TURKISH PLANES HAD BEEN DOWNED.

CYPRIOT AND FOREIGN FAMILIES, SOME WITH INFANTS AND SMALL DOGS, STREAMED INTO THE HOTEL WHICH THE RED CROSS DECLARED TO BE A NEUTRAL SECURITY ZONE. BUT ACROSS THE ROAD, A GREEK MILITARY CAMP BECAME THE TARGET FOR TURKISH PLANES AND THREE ROCKETS SLAMMED INTO THE HOTEL GROUNDS. AT THE MOMENT OF UNCLASSIFIED

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THE ATTACK, A COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM CREW WAS COMING INTO THE HOTEL DRIVE AND CAMERAMAN CARL SORENSEN WAS SLIGHTLY WOUNDED.

ARMED GREEK CYPRIOT SOLDIERS WHO THOUGHT TO TAKE REFUGE IN THE HOTEL WERE EVICTED BY RED CROSS

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ICIALS. LATER WHEN A FILLING STATION ABOUT 150

YARDS FROM THE HOTEL WAS HIT, SENDING UP FLAMES AND ROLLING BLACK CLOUDS OF SMOKE, NDE HUNDREDS OF CIVILIANS IN THE HOTEL WERE ORDERED TO THE BASEMENT.

A PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL, LOCATED NEAR A GREEK MILITARY INSTALLATION, WAS HIT FOR THE SECOND TIME IN LESS THAN A MONTH BY TURKISH AIRCRAFT. THREE BOMBS FELL AMONG OUTBUILDINGS WOUNDED 35 PATIENTS AND THREE STAFF MEMBERS. IN THE PREVIOUS ATTACK A DIREECT HIT ON A WARD KILLED 27 PATIENTS AND WOUNDED NEARLY A HUNDRED.

THE TURKISH CYPRIOT RADIO CALLED FOR SURRENDER BUT THE GREEK RADION CALLED ON ALL GREEK CYPRIOTS TO RESIST. THE GREEK CYPRIOT NATIONAL GUARD FOUGHT TO SLOW DOWN THE TURKISH ADVANCE. BETWEEN THE LARNACA ROAD TO THE SOUTHEAST, CUT BY THE TURKS, AND THE ROAD SOUTH TO LIMASSOL, WHICH REMAINS OPEN BUT UNDER TURKISH FIRE, THE GREEKS WERE SEEN PLANTING MINES IN THE FILEDS. ANOTHER GREEK ANWERE WAS TO OCCUPY SOME OF THE TURKISH TOWNS AND VILLAGES EVAUCATED SUNDAY AND MONDAY IN A GOOD WILL GESTURE. PAPHOS IN THE EXTREME SOUTHWEST, WITH 3000 TURKISH CYPRIOTS, WAS RE-OCCUPIED THIS MORNING AS WAS MANDRIA, NEAR LARNACA. LARNACA ITSELF WAS PARTLXNJEOCCUPIED WITH GREEKS TAKING POSITIONS ALONG THE SEAFRONT. FINIS. END TEXT.
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